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## **Basic Skills Testing Information (WEST-B)**

**WEST-B (Washington Educator Skills Test-Basic)**

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The statewide uniform means of assessing the basic skills competency of reading, mathematics and writing of all teacher candidates and out-of-state applicants for a Washington residency certificate.

| Test   | Subtest     | Number of Items                | Passing Score | Test Fee   |
|--|-------------|--------------------------------|---------------|--|
| <b>WEST-B</b><br><a href="http://www.west.nesinc.com">http://www.west.nesinc.com</a> | Reading     | 60 multiple choice             | 240           | Registration fee is \$10.<br>Each subtest fee is \$25. |
|  | Mathematics | 60 multiple choice             | 240           |  |
|  | Writing     | 50 multiple choice & 2 prompts | 240           |  |

**Additional score reports can be ordered up to 10 years after date of test taken.**

### **WEST- B Extensions**

**WAC 181-01-001 WEST-B Extension.** Individuals applying for a Washington State residency teaching certificate who have completed a teacher preparation program in another state or country have up to one calendar year from issuance of temporary permit to pass the WEST-B basic skills test, provided that they have completed all other requirements for residency certification other than passage of the WEST-B and are thus eligible for a temporary permit under WAC 181-79A-128.

## **WEST- B Exemptions**

**WAC 181-01-002 WEST-B Exemptions.** (1) Candidates who are prepared and/or certified out-of-state applying for a Washington state residency teaching certificate under WAC 181-79A-257 (1) (b) or WAC 181-79A-260, or out-of-state candidates applying to masters-degree level teacher preparation programs residing outside of the state of Washington at time of application, in lieu of passing the WEST-B, may provide official documentation of scores on the Praxis I of 177 for the reading subtest, 176 for the mathematics subtest and 174 for the writing subtest, or scores on the Praxis I CBT computer-administered test of 325 for the reading subtest, 321 for the mathematics subtest, and 321 for the writing subtest, or passing scores from California or Oregon on the CBEST.

(2) Candidates applying for a Washington state residency or professional teaching certification under WAC 181-79A-257 (1) (b) who hold a certificate through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards are exempt from the WEST-B requirement.

| Test  | Subtest     | Test Codes | Passing Score | Test Fee                                       |
|---|-------------|------------|---------------|--|
| <b>Praxis I: Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST)</b>  | Reading     | 0710       | 177           | Registration fee is \$40 Each subtest is \$35. |
|   | Mathematics | 0730       | 176           |  |
|   | Writing     | 0720       | 174           |  |
| <b>Praxis I: Computerized Pre-Professional Skills Test (CPPST)</b><br><a href="http://www.ets.org/praxis">http://www.ets.org/praxis</a> | Reading     | 5710       | 177           |  |
|   | Mathematics | 5730       | 176           |  |
|   | Writing     | 5720       | 174           |  |

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|--|-------------|------------|---------------|---|
| <b>Praxis I: Computerized Pre-Professional Skills Tests (CBT)</b><br><a href="http://www.ets.org/praxis">http://www.ets.org/praxis</a> | Reading     | 0711       | 325           | Discontinued assessment: Additional score reports can be ordered up to 10 years after date of test taken. |
|  | Mathematics | 0731       | 321           |   |
|  | Writing     | 0721       | 321           |   |

| Test  | Subtest         | Minimum Score | Test Fee |
|---|-----------------|---------------|----------|
| <b>California Basic Skills Test (CBEST)</b><br><a href="http://www.cbest.nesinc.com">http://www.cbest.nesinc.com</a><br>Scores are available from the beginning of the CBEST program. | Reading         | 37            | \$41     |
|   | Mathematics     | 37            |          |
|   | Writing         | 37            |          |
|   | Composite Score | 123           |          |

## **WEST –B Appeals Process**

**WAC 181-01-004 Appeals process.** The Washington professional educator standards board may permit exceptions from the assessment requirements under [RCW 28A.410.220](#) (1) and (2) on a case-by-case basis. Consistent with the discretion accorded to the professional educator standards board in [RCW 28A.410.220](#)(3), the exemptions and extensions provided for in [WAC 181-01-001](#), [181-01-002](#), [181-02-001](#) and [181-02-002](#), shall be the sole exceptions to the WEST-B and WEST-E assessment requirements.

## **Endorsement Testing Information (WEST-E/Praxis II)**

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### **WEST-E/PRAXIS II (Washington Educator Skills Test-Endorsements)**

Educational Testing Service (ETS)

ETS-The Praxis Series

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Princeton, NJ 08541-6051

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Website: <http://www.ets.org/praxis/prxwa.html>

- For email click on “Contact Us”
- OSPI/PESB Agency Recipient Code: 8430

The statewide uniform means of assessing the subject area content knowledge for most of Washington’s thirty-four endorsements.

### **WEST-E Extension**

**WAC 181-02-001 WEST-E Time Extension.** Candidates who are prepared and/or certified out-of-state applying for a Washington state residency or professional teaching certificate based on WAC 181-79A-257 (1) (b) have up to one calendar year from issuance of the temporary permit to pass the WEST-E subject knowledge test, provided they are eligible for a temporary permit under WAC 181-79A-128.

### **WEST –E Exemption**

#### **WAC 181-02-002 WEST-E Exemption**

Individuals who hold a certificate through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards are exempt from the WEST-E requirement if there is a direct equivalency between the endorsements sought and the national board certificate, as approved by the professional educator standards board and published by the superintendent of public instruction. The equivalent NBPTS and Washington endorsement table approved by the professional educator standards board may not be changed without prior professional educator standards board approval.

| <b>National Board Certificate</b>  | <b>Exempt WEST-E Test(s)</b> |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Early Childhood Generalist (3-8)   | Early Childhood Ed           |
| Middle Childhood Generalist (7-12) | Elementary Education         |
| Art (3-18)                         | Visual Arts                  |
| English as a New Language (3-18)   | ESL                          |
| English Language Arts (11-18)      | English Language Arts        |
| Exceptional Needs (3-18)           | Special Education            |
| Library Media (3-18)               | Library Media                |
| Mathematics (14-18)                | Mathematics                  |
| Science (14-18)                    | Science                      |
| Social Studies & History (11-18)   | Social Studies or History    |
| World Languages (3-18)             | World Language               |
| Literacy (3-12)                    | Reading                      |

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| PRAXIS II SERIES TESTS FOR WASHINGTON STATE |   |   |                       |                     |                           |             |
|---|---|---|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| Licensure Area                              | Session/<br>Test Code   | Test Name   | Range<br>of<br>Scores | Qualifying<br>Score | Test<br>Length<br>(Hours) | Test<br>Fee |
| Agricultural Education                      | 1/<br>0700  | Agriculture   | 250-990               | 520                 | 2                         | \$75        |
| Bilingual                                   | 2/<br>0360  | English to Speakers of<br>Other Languages   | 250-990               | 580                 | 2                         | \$75        |
|   | In addition to the Praxis II exam listed above, language proficiency will be assessed and verified via completion of a state-approved teacher preparation program at a regionally accredited college or university, or language proficiency certified by passage of the ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview ( <a href="http://www.languageTesting.com">www.languageTesting.com</a> ) at the intermediate high proficiency level. |   |                       |                     |                           |             |
| Biology                                     | 2/<br>0235  | Biology: Content Knowledge  | 100-200               | 152                 | 2                         | \$75        |
| Business Education                          | 1/<br>0100  | Business Education  | 250-990               | 560                 | 2                         | \$75        |
| Chemistry                                   | 2/<br>0245  | Chemistry: Content Knowledge  | 100-200               | 152                 | 2                         | \$75        |
| Dance                                       | No<br>Praxis II<br>exam<br>available.   | The endorsement competencies will be assessed and verified via completion of a state approved teacher preparation program at a regionally accredited college or university. |                       |                     |                           |             |
| Deaf Education<br>(Available 9/1/07)        | 1/<br>0271  | Education of Deaf and Hard of Hearing<br>Students (Available 9/1/07)  | 100-200               | 167                 | 2                         | \$85        |
| Designated World<br>Language:<br>French     | 2/<br>0173  | French: Content Knowledge<br>(contains listening section)   | 100-200               | 158                 | 2                         | \$75        |

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| <b>Designated World<br/>Language:<br/>German</b>  | 2/<br>0181                                      | German: Content Knowledge<br>(contains listening section)  | 100-200                        | 160                         | 2                                  | \$75                |
| <b>Designated World<br/>Language:<br/>Latin</b>   | <b>No<br/>Praxis II<br/>exam<br/>available.</b> | The endorsement competencies and language proficiency will be assessed and verified via completion of a state-approved teacher preparation program at a regionally accredited college or university.   |                                |                             |                                    |                     |
| <b>Designated World<br/>Language:<br/>Spanish</b>   | 1/<br>0191                                      | Spanish: Content Knowledge<br>(contains listening section)   | 100-200                        | 160                         | 2                                  | \$75                |
| <b>Other Designated World<br/>Languages:<br/>Chinese,<br/>Japanese,<br/>Norwegian,<br/>Russian,<br/>Swedish</b> | <b>No<br/>Praxis II<br/>exam<br/>available.</b> | The endorsement competencies and language proficiency will be assessed and verified via completion of a state approved teacher preparation program at a regionally accredited college or university, or language proficiency certified by the passage of the ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview ( <a href="http://www.languageTesting.com">www.languageTesting.com</a> ) at the intermediate high level. |                                |                             |                                    |                     |
| <b>Early Childhood<br/>Education</b>  | 2/<br>0021                                      | Education of Young Children  | 100-200                        | 170                         | 2                                  | \$80                |
| <b>Early Childhood Special<br/>Education</b>  | 1/<br>0690                                      | Special Education: Preschool/Early<br>Childhood  | 250-990                        | 550                         | 2                                  | \$75                |
| <b>Earth Science</b>  | 2/<br>0571                                      | Earth Science: Content Knowledge   | 100-200                        | 150                         | 2                                  | \$75                |
| <b>Elementary Education</b>   | 1/<br>0014                                      | Elementary Education: Content<br>Knowledge   | 100-200                        | 141                         | 2                                  | \$75                |

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| English Language Arts                                | 1/<br>0041            | English Language, Literature, and<br>Composition: Content Knowledge | 100-200               | 158                 | 2                         | \$75        |
| English as a Second<br>Language                      | 2/<br>0360            | English to Speakers of Other<br>Languages                           | 250-990               | 580                 | 2                         | \$75        |
| Family and Consumer<br>Sciences                      | 1/<br>0120            | Family and Consumer Sciences  | 250-990               | 500                 | 2                         | \$75        |
| Health & Fitness                                     | 2/<br>0856            | Health & Physical Education: Content<br>Knowledge                   | 100-200               | 149                 | 2                         | \$75        |
| History  | 1/<br>0081            | Social Studies: Content Knowledge                                   | 100-200               | 157                 | 2                         | \$75        |
| Library Media  | 1/<br>0310            | Library Media Specialist  | 250-990               | 600                 | 2                         | \$75        |
| Marketing  | 1/<br>0560            | Marketing Education   | 250-990               | 640                 | 2                         | \$75        |
| Mathematics  | 1/<br>0061            | Mathematics: Content Knowledge                                      | 100-200               | 134                 | 2                         | \$75        |
| Middle Level<br>Humanities<br><br>(2 required tests) | 1/<br>0049            | Middle School English<br>Language Arts                              | 100-200               | 158                 | 2                         | \$85        |
|  | 2/<br>0089            | Middle School Social Studies  | 100-200               | 157                 | 2                         | \$85        |

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| <b>Middle Level<br/>Math/Science</b><br><br><b>(2 required tests)</b> | 1/<br>0439            | Middle School Science  | 100-200               | 145                 | 2                         | \$85        |
|   | 2/<br>0069            | Middle School Mathematics                                    | 100-200               | 152                 | 2                         | \$85        |
| <b>Music General</b>  | 1/<br>0113            | Music: Content Knowledge<br>(contains listening section)     | 100-200               | 150                 | 2                         | \$75        |
| <b>Music Choral</b>   | 1/<br>0113            | Music: Content Knowledge<br>(contains listening section)     | 100-200               | 150                 | 2                         | \$75        |
| <b>Music Instrumental</b>   | 1/<br>0113            | Music: Content Knowledge<br>(contains listening section)     | 100-200               | 150                 | 2                         | \$75        |
| <b>Physics</b>  | 1/<br>0265            | Physics: Content Knowledge                                   | 100-200               | 140                 | 2                         | \$75        |
| <b>Reading/Literacy</b>   | 2/<br>0300            | Reading Specialist   | 250-990               | 540                 | 2                         | \$75        |
| <b>Science</b>  | 1/<br>0435            | General Science: Content Knowledge                           | 100-200               | 153                 | 2                         | \$75        |
| <b>Social Studies</b>   | 1/<br>0081            | Social Studies: Content Knowledge                            | 100-200               | 157                 | 2                         | \$75        |
| <b>Special Education</b>  | 2/<br>0353            | Education of Exceptional Students:<br>Core Content Knowledge | 100-200               | 152                 | 1                         | \$60        |
| <b>Technology Education</b>   | 1/<br>0050            | Technology Education   | 250-990               | 590                 | 2                         | \$75        |

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| Theatre Arts                                | 1/<br>0640            | Theatre                | 250-990               | 560                 | 2                         | \$75        |
| Traffic Safety                              | 1/<br>0867            | Driver Education       | 100-200               | 150                 | 2                         | \$75        |
| Visual Arts                                 | 1/<br>0133            | Art: Content Knowledge | 100-200               | 155                 | 2                         | \$75        |